United Nations A/C.4/71/5

General Assembly

Distr.: General
29 September 2016

Original: English

Seventy-first session
Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
Agenda item 58
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Question of New Caledonia

Requests for hearing*

The Chair of the Fourth Committee has received four requests to petition the Committee on the question of New Caledonia as listed below.

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*
Roch Wamytan, President	Groupe Union calédonienne-Front de libération nationale kanak et socialiste et Nationalistes, Congress of New Caledonia	21 September 2016
Mickaël Forrest, Permanent Secretary for Foreign Relations	Front de libération nationale kanak et socialiste	21 September 2016
Julien Boanemoi, President	Fédération des groupements de droit particulier local de la province Sud	22 September 2016
Gérard Poadja, Vice-Chair, Committee on Foreign Relations	Congress of New Caledonia	22 September 2016

* Circulated in accordance with a decision taken by the Committee at its 1st meeting, on 29 September 2016. The original requests are on file with the Secretariat and are available for review.

16-16603 (E) 290916

Please recycle

United Nations A/C.4/71/6

General Assembly

Distr.: General
29 September 2016

Original: English

Seventy-first session
Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
Agenda item 58
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Question of the United States Virgin Islands

Requests for hearing*

The Chair of the Fourth Committee has received three requests to petition the Committee on the question of the United States Virgin Islands as listed below.

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*
Russell Christopher, ancestral and native Virgin Islander	–	8 September 2016
Monique S. Mason, descendant of indigenous YHWH people	–	10 September 2016
Joseph Lee Calhoun III, servant of YHWH	–	17 September 2016

* Circulated in accordance with a decision taken by the Committee at its 1st meeting, on 29 September 2016. The original requests are on file with the Secretariat and are available for review.

16-16604 (E) 290916

Please recycle

A/C.4/71/7

Readex
Fiche

United Nations A/C.4/71/7

General Assembly

Distr.: General
29 September 2016

Original: English

Seventy-first session
Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
Agenda item 58
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Question of Western Sahara

Requests for hearing*

The Chair of the Fourth Committee has received 106 requests to petition the Committee on the question of Western Sahara, as listed below.

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*
Smail Debeche, Professor	University of Algiers	1 August 2016
Takioullah Eidda, Attorney	Eidda et associés, Montreal, Canada	1 August 2016
Hassiba Boulmerka, Olympic champion (Barcelona, 1992)	Algerian National Olympic Committee	1 August 2016
Abdoul Latif Aidara, Professor	L'Observatoire des menaces terroristes, des radicalismes, des risques criminels et cindyniques du Centre d'études diplomatiques et stratégiques, Dakar	1 August 2016
Ali Sahel, President	Association nationale des échanges entre jeunes	2 August 2016
Bruno Dethomas	–	2 August 2016
Carroll Eads	–	2 August 2016

* Circulated in accordance with a decision taken by the Committee at its 1st meeting, on 29 September 2016. The original requests are on file with the Secretariat and are available for review.

Please recycle

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*
Nancy Huff		2 August 2016
Eric Cameron	World Action for Refugees	3 August 2016
Andrew Marc Rosemarine, Head of Chambers	International Law Chambers of Andrew M. Rosemarine	4 August 2016
Rafael Martínez-Campillo	–	4 August 2016
Gale Sherrill	–	5 August 2016
Stacy Pearson, President	Protected Families	5 August 2016
Nykaky Lygeros	–	6 August 2016
Donna Sams	–	8 August 2016
Martha Chavez Cossio, Lawyer, politician, former congresswoman	–	11 August 2016
Jonathan Douglas Huff	–	13 August 2016
Leila Mimouni, Doctor	Health Charity for Western Sahara Refugees	17 August 2016
Anna Maria Stame Cervone, President	Centrist Democratic International Women	18 August 2016
Mahjouba Daoudi, Acteur associatif	Sahara Media Centre Association	18 August 2016
Brahim El Ahmadi, Professor	–	18 August 2016
Sabah Laaroussi, Actrice associative	–	19 August 2016
Said Bouchakouk	Association citoyenneté et développement humain	22 August 2016
Ahmed Lakhrif, Member	House of Councillors, Morocco	22 August 2016
Moufida Boussoula, Acteur associatif	–	22 August 2016
Sydney S. Assor	Surrey Three Faiths Forum	22 August 2016
Charles Wilson, Coordinating Director	International Sahrawi Friendship Association	22 August 2016
Veronica Jane Bahaijoub	Family Protection	23 August 2016
Tanya Warburg	Freedom For All	23 August 2016

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*
Ahmed Joumani	–	23 August 2016
Sidi Ahmed Hormat Allah	Association marocaine pour le développement d'Oued Eddahab	23 August 2016
Said Ayachi, President	Comité national algérien de solidarité avec le peuple sahraoui	24 August 2016
Yanja El Khattat, President	Dakhla-Oued Ed-Dadhab region	24 August 2016
Zine El Aabidine El Ouali	–	24 August 2016
Clara Riveros, Political scientist and consultant	–	24 August 2016
Richard José Vargas Osorio	Observatorio de la Democracia	24 August 2016
Eric Jensen, Former Head of Mission/Acting Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara (1993-1998)	–	25 August 2016
Adolfo Esteban Henríquez Valenzuela, General Secretary	Chilean Maghreb Study Center	26 August 2016
José Raúl Vázquez de Lara Cisneros, Head of the International Relations Department	Autonomous University of Puebla	26 August 2016
Adalberto Carlos Agozino	Instituto Argentino de Estudios Geoestratégicos y Asuntos Politicos	27 August 2016
Graciela Lucía Cosentino	Universidad Argentina John F. Kennedy	27 August 2016
Manuel F. Vidal Garrido	–	28 August 2016
Eric David	–	29 August 2016
Pablo A. de la Vega M., Coordinador	Asociación Ecuatoriana de Amistad con el Pueblo Saharaui/Plataforma Interamericana de Derechos Humanos, Democracia y Desarrollo	29 August 2016
Hammada El Baihi	–	30 August 2016
Kino Dailal	–	30 August 2016
Manzila Pola Uddin	–	30 August 2016
Suraiya It, Lecturer and Chair of the Institute for Islamic Studies, Interfaith Dialogue and Peace	Ar-Raniry State Islamic University, Aceh, Indonesia	1 September 2016

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*
José María Gil Garre	International Security Observatory	1 September 2016
Catherine Constantinides	–	1 September 2016
Gary Andrés Ayala Ochoa	Consejo Peruano de Solidaridad con el Pueblo Saharaui	1 September 2016
Juan Carlos Moraga Duque, Executive Director	Rehabilitación y Esperanza	2 September 2016
Mohammad Ziyad Al-Jabari, President	Palestinian Moroccan Friendship Society	3 September 2016
Andrea Pannocchia, Journalist and writer	–	3 September 2016
Vanessa Pellegrin, Trustee	Mimouna	4 September 2016
Vanessa Ramos, President	American Association of Jurists	7 September 2016
Salim Chenoufi	People's National Assembly of Algeria	7 September 2016
Brian L. Jamison, International Sales Representative, Gibraltar	–	7 September 2016
Tammy Lea Fabian, President	Date Palm Consulting	7 September 2016
Ava-Marie Marino	City College of New York	7 September 2016
Mantallah Addi	–	7 September 2016
Léonard Andjembe	–	8 September 2016
Gísli Kr. Björnsson, Lawyer, Chairman of the Board	Iceland-Morocco Association of Business and Communication	8 September 2016
Stéphane Domingues Rodrigues, Attorney	Lallemend-Legros Law Firm	9 September 2016
Janet L. Lenz, Executive Director	Not Forgotten International	9 September 2016
Cynthia Basinet, Nobel Peace Prize nominated actress, singer, activist	–	12 September 2016
Hakim Gherieb, Ministère de l'enseignement, supérieur et de la recherche	École nationale supérieure de sciences politiques, Alger	12 September 2016
Chadwick R. Gore	–	13 September 2016
Nicole Martin	–	13 September 2016

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*
Suzanne Scholte, Seoul Peace Prize Laureate	–	13 September 2016
Toufik Ayoub	–	13 September 2016
Fouad Boudjedra	–	13 September 2016
Azzedine Layachi	–	13 September 2016
Taha Merghoub	–	13 September 2016
Mourad Ouazzi	–	13 September 2016
Hocine Fetni	–	13 September 2016
Chris Sassi	–	13 September 2016
Lyna Zerroukki	–	13 September 2016
Atabongwoung Gallous Asong, Chairperson	Africa Solidarity for Sahrawi	14 September 2016
Mina Laghzal	–	15 September 2016
Véronique Van Der Plancke, Lawyer, researcher	–	15 September 2016
Miguel Ángel Ortiz Asín	Fórum Canario Saharaui	15 September 2016
Saida Brahim Bounab, Group President at Algerian Assembly	Parliament of Algeria	15 September 2016
Saadi Lyes, Congressman	–	15 September 2016
Madi Djamel, Congressman	–	15 September 2016
Soumaia Fergani	–	15 September 2016
Mula Ahmed	Saharawi Student Association	16 September 2016
Tom O'Bryan, Researcher	Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University	16 September 2016
Mahfoud Bouad	Saharawi Students Union	17 September 2016
Ahmed Boukhari	Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro	17 September 2016
Fatma Mehdi	–	17 September 2016
Juan Jose Manzo Ramirez, Student, supporter of the Saharawi people	–	17 September 2016

Name and title	*Organization*	*Date request received*
Salka Dahi Bachir,	Saharawi Women in the United States of America	18 September 2016
Ahmed Mahmoud Baibane	–	18 September 2016
Latifa Aït-Baala, President	EuroMed-CDC	20 September 2016
Losseyni Bakayoko, Teacher, researcher	Institut national polytechnique Felix Houphouet Boigny, Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire	20 September 2016
Nagla Mohamedlamin Salma, Saharawi student	Saharawi National Youth Organization and NOVA	21 September 2016
Maria Dolores Travieso Darias, President	Asociación Canaria de Juristas por la Paz y los Derechos Humanos	21 September 2016
Maria Nieves Cubas Armas	International Association of Jurists for Western Sahara	21 September 2016
Ruth Sebastián García	–	21 September 2016
Diego Morera	Association for Peace in Western Sahara	21 September 2016
Katlyn Thomas	–	21 September 2016
Pedro Pinto Leite	International Platform of Jurists for East Timor and Stichting Zelfbeschikking West-Sahara	21 September 2016
Yara Maalainine, Director of IT	–	22 September 2016
Rodrigo Ehlers Figueroa	AMARAS	22 September 2016
Fatimetu Bachir Jatri Emhamed	–	23 September 2016

United Nations A/C.4/71/8

General Assembly

Distr.: General
28 September 2016

Original: English

Seventy-first session

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Agenda item 58

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Note verbale dated 23 September 2016 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cuba to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to transmit a declaration in solidarity with Puerto Rico, adopted on 20 September 2016 by the non-governmental organization members of Cuban civil society (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of Cuba kindly requests the Secretary-General to circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 58.

16-16764 (E) 031016 111016

Please recycle

Annex to the note verbale dated 23 September 2016 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

[Original: Spanish]

Declaration in solidarity with Puerto Rico

Cuban civil society organizations, with the support of regional and international organizations based in Cuba, add their voices to the international call for independence for Puerto Rico, to commemorate the 148th anniversary of the Lares uprising and demonstrate the solidarity of our people. Puerto Rico is now one of the oldest colonies in the world but wears the mask of the commonwealth status that the United States has imposed on it and made the world believe is accepted by the Boricua people.

Cuban civil society organizations, with the support of regional and international organizations based in Cuba, welcome the emphasis on the inalienable right of all peoples to self-determination in the declaration of the seventeenth Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Countries, since that right continues to be denied to Puerto Rico, a nation that was formed before its occupation by the United States in 1898 and whose culture, history, language and traditions establish it as a Latin American and Caribbean nation.

The Boricua people continue to be denied the possibility to decide on their future, and the men and women who fight for the independence of their nation are persecuted, incarcerated or even assassinated. One example is Oscar López Rivera who, having spent 35 years in unjust imprisonment in the United States, is the longest-held political prisoner in the world. Another example is Filiberto Ojeda Ríos, who was assassinated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States 11 years ago. Those responsible for his death have not been brought to justice.

We welcome and commend the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples for its attention to and handling of the case of Puerto Rico in its work and for its adoption of resolutions that, inter alia, call on the Government of the United States of America to facilitate a process that will allow the Boricua people to exercise their right to self-determination and independence, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV).

Cuban civil society organizations, supported by regional and international organizations based in Cuba, which are all worthy representatives of the will and spirit of the Cuban people, will continue to fight for Puerto Rican independence and to bring the claim of the Boricua people before multilateral forums such as the Special Committee and the Human Rights Council. The memorable lines of the poem "To Cuba" by the Boricua poet Lola Rodríguez Tió are still fresh in our minds: "Cuba and Puerto Rico are two wings of a single bird, they receive flowers and bullets in the same heart".

Havana, 20 September 2016